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THE STATE OF THE QUAD: (All law students are members of the Lawyers' Club even though undoubtedly some do not know this. Part of every student's \$10 classification fee each semester is returned to the Law Club's treasury for carrying on social, athletic, and professional activities. The Club operates through its officers and a Board of Directors who meet once a week. The Board serves as a liaison between the students and faculty and constitutes the student governing council for the Law School. Two members of the Board and the President sit on the Board of Governors.

The following is a report on the activities of this year's Board to date by Mike Mathews, President.)

The Board of Directors has worked diligently this year to expand the services of the Club on a wide range of activities--social as well as academic. Continuing in its traditional role as the coordinating committee for athletic teams, social functions, visiting speakers and Law Club publications, the Board has also undertaken several special projects.

As reported in last week's Res Gestae, the Board of Governors is planning an expenditure of \$900,000 on the buildings. The Board of Directors is currently conducting a study as to how this money can best be spent and as to whether in fact the extent of the plan as proposed is necessary. Results of a questionnaire sent out to all residents on this subject are being tabulated now.

At the Board of Governors' meeting in December the student representatives argued for alternative means of financing the building project about to be undertaken. They also introduced changes in the Board of Governors' by-laws as those rules pertain to the student Board. These changes, which are expected to be ratified soon, will (1) increase the representation of second year students on the Board by guaranteeing the two highest freshmen candidates with a seat on the Board; (2) provide methods of filling vacancies on the Board or in any offices of the Club; (3) require that the President of the Club be a resident; (4) alter the amendment process for those provisions which apply to the Student Board; and, (5) move up the date of the elections to accommodate the new trimester schedule.

In addition, the Board of Directors has represented the students in a meeting with the Dean to request a speed up of efforts to improve the lighting in the Library.

The Speakers' Committee, now known as the Law School Forum, has had an outstanding line-up of guests so far this year. A partial list of the names will indicate the high caliber of this fine program: Melvin Belli; Neil Staebler; John Kenneth Galbraith; Mr. Justice Souris of the Michigan Supreme Court; Burke Summers, former Ambassador to Luxembourg; William Milliken, successful candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Michigan; Nathan Goodnow, President of the Michigan State Bar; John Doar, recently appointed Assistant Attorney General.

Another area which has seen expanded activity this year has been the Social calendar. A "Barn Party" at Susterka Lake was added to the fall schedule and enjoyed such a favorable response that a repeat "performance" was planned. This party, held last weekend, also seemed to meet with the approval of many of the members. The traditional Last Blast was moved out of doors this year for the first time to accommodate the teeming hordes of young coeds anxiously seeking a chance to meet "a Lawyer". The Board also sponsored a semi-formal dance at the Club in November which was attended by nearly half of the Law School.

The Quad, the law school year book, promises to be the biggest and the best yet put out at the school. Under Al Olson's direction, the Quad has expanded in size by nearly 25 percent. Distribution is set for April. Rumor also has it that because of an expanded advertising effort by Grif Garwood, for the first year in history, the Board may not have to pick up the tab for a Quad deficit.

The Res Gestae, the school's weekly newspaper sponsored by the Board, is still the best means of communicating with all law students. Roger Marce has served as

Editor for the second year in a row and has done an outstanding job of covering the quad's news events. His successful editorial drive to get a flag on the flag pole proved to all the effectiveness of this small but powerful journal.

The Law Club Bookstore, the used casebook exchange operated in Hutchins Hall this year by Lou Potter, has finally reached the point of financial self-sufficiency.

In athletics, the Club teams have so far brought us to an over-all position of third in the graduate division. Winter sports' results, however, are not yet in and with strong Law Club teams in both basketball and swimming (in both cases defending champions) the possibilities of improving the over-all ranking look good.

This year the Board has also undertaken several more specialized projects. For example, recently, the way was cleared for the addition of a milk machine to the Hutchins Hall Coffee Lounge; a student-faculty poll to forecast the outcome of the national elections was organized by several interested students; and, the night of the election, TVs were brought into the Club's lounge to supplement the over-worked color set in the Club's basement.

The Board is currently working on: (1) scheduling three trips to Jackson Prison for the benefit of criminal law students. (The specific dates of the tours will be announced soon); (2) exploring the cost of adding UHF to the Club's TV; (3) bringing pressure to get a new pool table in the recreation room to go along with the two new ping pong tables just added; and (4) examining the profitability of Michigan's increased participation in the American Student Bar Association either at the regional or national level. (If anyone is interested in assisting with this latter project, inquiries should be made of Mike Mathews.)

The Board has also helped to finance most of the other extra curricular activities of the law school. This year the Law Wives Club, the International Law Society, and the Law Girls all received assistance from the Club's treasury. The Board of Directors has also been charged, as in the past, with governing the Club's residence halls and with meeting the daily problems that arise in the administration of any independent dorm. This year, fortunately, such problems have not been critical.

Suggestions with respect to the operation of the Club will be welcomed by the Board.

— Michael S. Mathews, President.  
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FRESHMAN BRIEFS: The Board of Governors has approved a million dollars (give or take \$100,000) for the physical renovation of the Law Club and the cultural welfare of its members. The Board has asked for suggestions on how to spend the million. To help the Board in this endeavor, we now publish the results of a poll of the student body taken this week. Here's what the more imaginative members would like to see:

- (1) Styrene plastic trees in popular colors to prevent such dangers as Dutch Elm disease. Experience is the best teacher.
- (2) Equip the dining hall with an eye to gracious living. Hire a wandering gypsy violin player to accompany the waiters as they rollerskate from table to kitchen singing "The Whiffenpoof Song," serving flaming crepe suzettes.
- (3) Build and bid for the 1968 Olympic Games. A ski-jump here, a cinder track there, and we'll be in the running.
- (4) Buy the local movie houses and raise the admission to \$2 per person. If the Student Council pickets, buy it, too.
- (5) Put a blue chip investment in the portfolio. Buy the Republican National Committee. It made a net profit of over a million dollars in 1964.
- (6) Manufacture the LBJ doll. Wind it up and it goes "Achoo! Achoo!" A very loyal toy--it won't go to England.
- (7) Pay the alumni senior gift for the next 9 years.
- (8) Ransom Fred Schmedlapp.
- (9) Instead of having students waste their money on canned outlines, hire canned professors.
- (10) Hire the Viet Cong as mercenaries for South Vietnam and win the Nobel Peace Prize.
- (11) A chicken in every pot.

Well, no matter which of these suggestions are followed, we can cancel that wagon train to Appalachia and stay right here. Prosperity is just around the corner.

— Steve Petix and Art Dulemba.  
PRESIDENT AND MRS. HATCHER TO VISIT CLUB: The Lawyers' Club will have for its guests on Thursday, February 11, its neighbors from South University, President and Mrs. Harlan H. Hatcher. At 6:20 P.M. the University's Chief will address students in the Lounge on the topic: "The University--1965". The Speakers' Co-chairmen would like to make a special pitch for a good turn-out on the occasion of President and Mrs. Hatcher's visit.

EDITORS WASTEBASKET: The Michigan International Law Society and the Association of Student International Law Societies have announced the fifth annual International Law Moot Tribunal Competition. The litigation, to be argued before a moot international tribunal, arose out of conduct of American and Canadian scientists shortly after their arrival, for exploration, on the moon. A team of Michigan law students will compete in regional eliminations early in March. If successful, they will then compete with other regional winners in Washington, D.C., in April; during the annual convention of the American Society of International Law. Only a short summary of argument is required in the regional competition, which is judged on effectiveness of oral advocacy. Competition is open to those students who have taken the basic course in International Law. Those interested in participating in the competition, either in research and discussion of the issues or in oral argument, should contact Bill Bogaard, in Hutchins carrel 36, next Tuesday or Wednesday, between 2:30 and 5:00 P.M.

FROM OUR READERS:

With respect to the problems of cleanliness in the coffee lounge, it appears to me that, as usual, women are the ultimate guilty parties. True, the brown baggers appear to be the direct cause of the mess, but, I submit, this is only circumstantial evidence. Who are these men? Why, every one of them, almost to a man, wears a gold ring on his left hand and a burden upon his back. Their wives spend their husbands' money and force the poor lawyers to dine from small brown sacks--like race horses. This situation literally reeks with injustice! Who can blame a man for leaving an old bag around in such a situation? It's the wives who should be subpoenaed here on a round robin basis daily to clean up our room, as is their duty. Unless the situation improves, the vending machines will be eliminated and we'll all be left holding the bag. Lawyers Unite! Arise against the feminine mystique.

-Al Oxx

AT THE FLICKS:

Campus: "Seance on a Wet Afternoon"

Michigan: "Mary Poppins"

State: "Two on a Guillotine"

Cinema Guild: Fri.- "The Ladykillers"; Sat. - "Orpheus"

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QUADSVILLE QUOTES;

Human nature will not change. In any future great national trial, compared with the men of this, we shall have as weak and as strong, as silly and as wise, as bad and as good.

- Lincoln.

All the world is queer save thee and me, and even thou art a little queer.

- Robert Owen.

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